



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

June 30, 2009

The Honorable Board of Directors
Los Angeles County
Regional Park and Open Space District
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors:

**APPROVE THE REVISED PLANS OF EXPENDITURE
AND ALTERNATIVE PLANS FOR EXPENDITURE
FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
(DISTRICTS 1, 2, 4, AND 5 — 3-VOTE MATTER)**

SUBJECT

Approval of these actions would allow the Department of Parks and Recreation to use unspent District funds allocated to the Department under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 on various projects.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed administrative actions are not subject to CEQA as the actions do not meet the definition of a project according to Sections 15378 (b)(4)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines, because the actions are administrative activities for government grants which by their terms do not involve any commitments to any specific projects which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.
2. Approve the revised plans of expenditure for the Department of Parks and Recreation to transfer \$335,865.23 of Specified Project funds allocated under various sections of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992 to the projects identified in Attachment I.

3. Approve the alternative plans for expenditure for the Department of Parks and Recreation to transfer \$529,281.17 of Specified Project funds allocated under various sections of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 to the projects identified in Attachment II.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approval of these actions would allow the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) to use unspent District funds allocated to the Department under the 1992 and 1996 Propositions on various projects.

The requested revised plans of expenditure and alternative plans for expenditure would allow the Department to:

- 1) use residual funds remaining from completed projects on other high priority projects; and
- 2) make available funds that had been identified for specific projects but are available for reallocation.

The proposed revised plans of expenditure and alternative plans for expenditure are identified in Attachments I and II.

In a related action on today's agenda, the Chief Executive Officer and the Department are recommending that your Board consider and approve the requested revised plans of expenditure and alternative plans of expenditure.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations further the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal No. 1), Children, Family and Adult Well-Being (Goal No. 2) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal No. 3) by enabling the Department to utilize District funds to improve various park facilities throughout the County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation, in the amount of \$865,146.40, is budgeted in the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's Assessment Project Fund (HB4) under Other Charges to fund the projects identified in Attachments I and II.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1992 and 1996 Propositions set forth various deadlines for agencies to encumber funds allocated to them in the two Propositions and further set forth procedures for agencies to request reallocation of those funds, as follows:

Specified Funds – 1992 Proposition

The 1992 Proposition provided funding for projects that were specified in the measure and identified a procedure for revision of those projects prior to July 1, 1998. That procedure remains the method by which specified project funds may be approved by the Board for other uses. An agency may submit a revised plan of expenditure to use the funds for a project that is consistent with the purposes of the 1992 Proposition after the grantee's governing body considers and approves the revision of its project at a public meeting.

Specified Funds – 1996 Proposition

Under the provisions of Section (5), Subsection (e), of the 1996 Proposition an alternative plan for expenditure must be submitted and approved to commit the funds allocated to specified projects between June 30, 2003, and June 30, 2004. As of July 1, 2004, uncommitted Specified Project funds are subject to allocation to other projects by the Board.

If your Board does not approve the Department's requests, the Department may either expend the funds for the uses originally specified, request your Board's approval to fund different new projects with the funds, or relinquish its claim to the funds.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved this action as to form.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These actions will have no impact on any other projects funded through the District but are required so the Department may utilize the funds on the identified projects.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

All public agency projects funded by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District are required to comply with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for the project.

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The proposed administrative actions are not subject to CEQA in that the actions do not meet the definition of a project according to Sections 15378 (b)(4)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines, because the actions are administrative activities for government grants which by their terms do not involve any commitments to any specific projects which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one conformed copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division and to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,



Russ Guiney
Director, Parks and Recreation

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Attachments (2)

c: Chief Executive Officer
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors (17)
County Counsel

Revised Plans of Expenditure - 1992 Specified Funds
Department of Parks and Recreation

Proposition/Section	Amount	From	To	Reason
1992 Specified Funds				
Section 8.a.1	\$16,775.17	South Coast Botanic Gardens (#0490)	Various 4 th District Parks Acquisition and/or Development (#0880)	Residual funds from completed project
Section 8.a.2.Y	\$100,000.00	SEA Area No. 23 Acquisition (#0802)	Various 5 th District Parks Acquisition and/or Development (#0881)	Project was cancelled
Section 8.a.2.Z	\$94,000.00	North County Trails - Arrastre Trails (#0673)	Various 5 th District Parks Acquisition and/or Development (#0881)	This portion of scope of work was cancelled from the project
Section 8.a.2.FF	\$35,812.45	Los Robles General Improvements (#1328)	Various 4 th District Parks Acquisition and/or Development (#0880)	Residual funds from completed project
Section 8.a.2.FF	\$65,000.00	Manzanita Park Play Area (#0874)	Various 4 th District Parks Acquisition and/or Development (#0880)	Project was funded with NCC
Section 8.a.2.FF	\$22,234.65	Steinmetz Play Area (#0870)	Various 4 th District Parks Acquisition and/or Development (#0880)	Residual funds from completed project
Section 8.a.2.HH	\$2,042.96	Santa Fe Dam Play Area (#0592)	Various 1 st District Parks Acquisition and/or Development (#0877)	Residual funds from completed project
Total 1992 Specified Funds	\$335,865.23			

**Alternative Plans for Expenditure – 1996 Specified Funds
Department of Parks and Recreation**

Proposition/Section	Amount	From	To	Reason
1996 Specified Funds				
Section 3.a.1.BBB	\$108,657.45	Whittier Narrows Play Area (#1355)	Various 1 st District Parks Acquisition and/or Development (#0877)	Residual funds from completed project
Section 3.a.1.GG	\$21,986.00	Pearlblossom General Rehab. (#0562)	Various 5 th District Parks Acquisition and/or Development (#0881)	Residual funds from completed project
Section 3.a.1.N Total	\$18,521.21 \$40,507.21			
Section 3.a.1.LL	\$6,322.00	Carolyn Rosas Park General Refurb. (#0789)	Various 4 th District Parks Acquisition and/or Development (#0880)	Residual funds from completed project
Section 3.a.1.RR	\$4,358.93	Rowland Heights General Improvements (#1329)	Various 4 th District Parks Acquisition and/or Development (#0880)	Residual funds from completed project
Section 3.a.1.K	\$1,103.10	Alondra & Bodger Parks General Improvements (#0774)	Various 2 nd District Parks Acquisition and/or Development (#0878)	Residual funds from completed projects
Section 3.a.1.AAA	\$200,000.00	Whittier Narrows Nature Center (#1364)	Various 1 st District Parks Acquisition and/or Development (#0877)	Cancelled Project
3.a.1.BBB	\$116,343.00	Whittier Narrows General Improvements (#1366)	Various 1 st District Parks Acquisition and/or Development (#0877)	Residual funds from completed project
Section 3.b.2	\$42,422.36	Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area General Dev. (#0069)	Various 2 nd District Parks Acquisition and/or Development (#0878)	Residual funds from completed project
Section 3.b.7	\$9,567.12	Arboretum Restoration (#1014)	Various 5 th District Parks Acquisition and/or Development (#0881)	Residual funds from completed project
Total 1996 Specified Funds	\$529,281.17			
Grand Total	\$865,146.40			